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1. WEO SC MEMBERS MET AM MARCH 23 AT REQUEST FRG PERM  
REP VON WECHMAR. VON WECHMAR URGED THAT AT MEETING WITH  
AFRICANS AND OTHERS IT BE MADE CLEAR THAT THE DECLARATION  
IS INSTEAD OF THE FOUR DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AFRICANS ARE  
INFORMALLY CIRCULATING. HE URGED IT BE MADE CLEAR TO  
THE AFRICANS AND OTHERS THAT THE RESOLUTIONS WERE NOT  
ADOPTABLE IN ANYTHING LIKE THEIR PRESENT FORM. HE  
SUGGESTED WE INSIST AFRICANS NOT FORMALLY INTRODUCE THEIR  
RESES.

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2. LEPRETTE (FRANCE) SUPPORTED THIS APPROACH. BARTON  
(CANADA) SAID HE IN NO POSITION INDICATE HOW CANADA WOULD  
VOTE ON THE RESOLUTIONS BUT HE AGREED FULLY WITH THE  
BASIC APPROACH. MURRAY (UK) STRONGLY SUPPORTED VON  
WECHMAR APPROACH.

3. AMB. YOUNG SAID CRITICAL POINT WAS TO PREVENT AFRICANS FROM PRESSING THEIR RESOLUTIONS TO A VOTE AND SUGGESTED AMB. VON WECHMAR TAKE LEAD IN PRESENTING DECLARATION AND EXPLAINING ITS CONTEXT. HE CAUTIONED AGAINST BEING DRAWN INTO NEGOTIATING WITH AFRICANS ON WHETHER THEY CIRCULATE THEIR DRAFTS.

4. PM INFORMAL MEETING WHICH ORGINALLY WAS TO INCLUDE WEO AFRICAN AND ASIAN SC MEMBERS WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY PANAMA,ROMANIA, AND OAU REPRESENTATIVES.

5. AMB. YOUNG CHAIRED MEETING AND ASKED WHAT COMMENTS AFRICANS HAD ON THE DECLARATION.

6. RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS) SAID THEY HADN'T HAD TIME TO STUDY IT BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT ITS STATUS AND FUNCTION WERE AND HOW IT RELATED TO THE FOUR AFRICAN DRAFTS. AMB. YOUNG SAID IT WAS STAFF LEVEL PAPER PREPARED BY WEO'S WHICH WAS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATIONS. IT WAS INSTEAD OF THE FOUR RESOLUTIONS AND SHOULD BE SEEN AS BASIS FOR ACTION WEO'S, SOUTH AFRICA'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS, WERE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE BY WAY OF DEMARCHES AND CONTACT GROUPS. HE SAID WEO'S DID NOT NECESSARILY ALL HAVE SAME POSITIONS REGARDING AFRICAN DRAFT RESES BUT WE ALL AGREED IT BEST THEY NOT BE PRESSED TO VOTE.

7. INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION FOLLOWED WITH AFRICANS MAKING POINT THAT THEY WANTED DECLARATION TO INCLUDE CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBSTANCE OF WHAT WAS IN RESES AND THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT SOMETHING WHICH WAS A STEP BACKWARD. VON WECHMAR AND RICHARD (UK ) MADE POINTS CONTAINED PARA 1. AMB. YOUNG EMPHASIZED EXTENT TO WHICH CURRENT US ADMINISTRATION WAS SERIOUS ABOUT SEEING CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND NOTED DEMARCHES THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE TO BOTHA INCLUDING PRESIDENTIAL ONE.

8. RAMPHUL WOULD UP MEETING BY ACKNOWLDGING EFFORTS OF WEO'S AND SAYING HE WOULD NEED CONSULT WITH AFRICAN STRATEGY GROUP TOMORROW AND THEN THEY COULD GET BACK TO US.

9. INLIGHT OF BREADTH OF ATTENDANCE AT MEETING WE CONCLUDED IT BEST GIVE SOVS, CHINESE, AND VENEZUELANS COPY OF DRAFT DECLARATION.

10. AFRICAN DRAFTS WITH ONLY SLIGHT DRAFTING MODIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN HANDED AROUND TO ALL SC MEMBERS BUT NOT YET

SUBMITTED TO SECT.

11. WE UNDERSTAND AMB. BOTHA (SOUTH AFRICA) WILL BE  
ARRIVING NEW YORK MARCH 24 AND PLANS TO SPEND A WEEK IN  
NEW YORK. THIS RAISES POSSIBILITY HE WILL REQUEST RIGHT  
TO ADDRESS SECURITY COUNCIL.  
YOUNG

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